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SUPPORTING AGENCIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Connecticut's Court Support Services-Division of the Judicial Branch

Any amount of alcohol will affect driving ability. Alcohol's effect is magnified by emotions, physical condition, use of prescription drugs or other types of drugs, some over-the-counter medications and some herbal supplements.

BAC AND AREAS OF IMPAIRMENT

	.08	concentrated attention, speed control
	.07	
	.06	
information processing, judgement	.05	
	.04	coordination
eye movement control, standing steadiness, emergency responses	.03	
	.02	tracking and steering
	.01	divided attention, choice reaction time, visual function

BAC

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Connecticut's Drunk Driving Law



THE FACTS ARE...

Driving is a privilege, and under Connecticut’s **IMPLIED CONSENT LAW** any person who operates a motor vehicle shall be deemed to have given his or her consent to a test to determine blood alcohol content (BAC).

You are legally intoxicated if your BAC is .08 or above. If you are under 21 years of age, you are legally intoxicated at a .02 BAC or higher.

Connecticut has enacted strong new measures to combat drunk driving. Stiff penalties, including mandatory sentencing and strict enforcement of our laws send a clear message:

Driving under the
influence will not
be tolerated on
Connecticut’s roadways.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI)

In Connecticut, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is a criminal offense. This offense may be prosecuted with or without any direct evidence of a person’s blood alcohol content (BAC). The determining factor is whether a person’s ability to drive has been impaired.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED FOR DUI:

- You will be detained by the police and read your rights.
- Your vehicle may be towed at your expense.
- You will be transported in a police cruiser to the police station.
- You will be asked to submit to a blood, breath or urine test. If you refuse, the refusal may be admissible as evidence in your criminal prosecution for operating under the influence.
- If you consent to testing, you will be given two tests at least ten minutes apart.
- If you refuse the test or if the test results show an elevated BAC, you will be subject to criminal and administrative sanctions.
- You can be kept in a police lock-up.

TWO WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE:

There are two laws to protect the citizens of Connecticut from the impaired driver:

- DRIVER’S LICENSE SANCTIONS • CRIMINAL PENALTIES

The DRIVER’S LICENSE SANCTIONS (license suspension periods) outlined below have been revised recently and can be imposed IN ADDITION TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES. In most cases, the driver’s license sanctions will be imposed much earlier. IN ALL CASES, they will be imposed in addition to criminal penalties and will appear on your driving record.

ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

Blood Alcohol Level	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Driver’s 16 and 17-Years-Old			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	18 months	3 years	6 years
Test results of .02 or higher; up to, but not including .16	1 year	2 years	4 years
Test results of .16 or higher	1 year	30 months	5 years
Driver’s Between the Ages 18 to 20			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	1 year	2 years	6 years
Test results of .02 or higher; up to, but not including .16	6 months	18 months	4 years
Test results of .16 or higher	240 days	20 months	5 years
Driver’s 21 Years Old and Older			
Refusal to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	6 months	1 year	3 years
Test results of .08 or higher; up to, but not including .16	90 days	9 months	2 years
Test results of .16 or higher	120 days	10 months	30 months

CRIMINAL PENALTIES

Under Connecticut’s criminal law, the driver arrested for DUI will receive both a summons and a court date. If the court proceedings result in a **conviction**, the following penalties must be imposed:

First Offense	Second Offense Within Connecticut or Out-Of-State (within 10 years of last conviction)	Third Offense (within 10 years of last conviction)
Fine: \$500 to \$1,000	Fine: \$1,000 to \$4,000	Fine: \$2,000 to \$8,000
Jail: Not more than 6 months jail, 48 consecutive hours of which cannot be suspended or reduced in any manner; or Not more than 6 months jail execution suspended and probation with 100 hours of community service in lieu of the 48 hours in jail.	Jail: Not more than 2 years in jail, 120 consecutive days of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and probation with 100 hours of community service and substance evaluation and treatment if court deems necessary.	Jail: Not more than 3 years jail, 1 year of which may not be suspended or reduced in any manner, and probation with 100 hours of community service and substance abuse evaluation and treatment if deemed necessary.
License Suspension: 45 days Ignition Interlock Device: 1 year mandatory	License Suspension: 45 days or until offender’s 21st birthday, whichever is longer. Ignition Interlock Device: 3 years mandatory	License Suspension: Revoked for life but, may apply for reinstatement after 2 years Ignition Interlock Device: If approved, must drive vehicle equipped with Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device for lifetime, from date of reinstatement, but can request a hearing to have IID condition removed after 15 years.